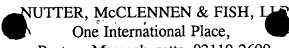
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 5-8 and 12-18 and cancel claims 19 and 20.

1. (Amended) A network device, comprising:

a first functional printed circuit board located in a first portion of the network device;

[and]

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